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For: DATA STRUCTURE IN DATABASE, DATABASE SYSTEM FOR
MANAGING DATABASE AND DATABASE AND DATABASE
MANAGING METHOD AND SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2001, the period for response thereto being extended by two months to expire on January 28, 2002, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Five Times Amended) A data structure, stored on a storage medium, in a database, comprising: